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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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Re: Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments
Abingdon and Canton, Illinois

Dear Ms. Salas:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Abingdon Broadcasters is an original and four copies of its Petition for Rule Making seeking the allotment of Channel 252A to Abingdon, Illinois and a modification of the allotment at Canton, Illinois to Channel 277A.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact this office directly.

Sincerely,



John F. Garziglia

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In the Matter of)
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b)) MM Docket No. _____
Table of Allotments) RM- _____
FM Broadcast Stations)
(Abingdon and Canton, Illinois))

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Abingdon Broadcasters, by its attorneys, hereby seeks the commencement of a rule making proceeding to allot Channel 252A to Abingdon, Illinois.¹ In order to proceed with this allotment, it is requested that the vacant Channel 252A allotment at Canton, Illinois be modified to Channel 277A.² In support, the following is submitted:

1. The allotment of Channel 252A to Abingdon, Illinois will provide first local aural transmission service to a community well deserving of such service. Abingdon is listed in the 1999 U.S. Census with a population of 3,597 persons. Abingdon Broadcasters hereby states that it will apply for Channel 252A at Abingdon when allotted, and when authorized, build the radio broadcast facility promptly.

¹ Channel 252A can be allotted to Abingdon, Illinois at reference coordinates 12.3 kilometers south of Abingdon at 40°42'28" North Latitude, 90°19'47" West Longitude.

² Channel 277A may be allotted to Canton, Illinois at reference coordinates 9.4 kilometers south of Canton at 40°28'27" North Latitude, 90°03'01" West Longitude.

2. The substitution of Channel 277A for the vacant Channel 252A Canton, Illinois allotment would be in the public interest. It has long been established that changes may be made to vacant allotments in order to accommodate enhanced or new service. See Arlington and McKinney, Texas, 3 FCC Rcd 964 (1988). In addition, pursuant to Reeder v. FCC, 865 F. 2nd 1298 (DC Cir. 1989), vacant FM allotments are subject to the same procedures that govern all allotment proceedings and substitutions should be routinely accepted.

3. The vacant Canton allotment is listed in the Commission's public Notice, DA00-2171, released September 25, 2000, announcing an FM broadcast auction scheduled for February 21, 2001. Under existing Commission procedures for resolving conflicts between petitions for rule making and subsequent applications, this Petition for Rule Making will take priority provided that the date for comments has passed by the time an application is filed pursuant to the auction. See Conflicts Between Applications and Petitions for Rule Making, 7 FCC Rcd 4917 (1992), recon. 8 FCC Rcd 4743 (1993). If the comment date has not passed by the time an application is filed pursuant to the auction, then an application for Canton that might be in conflict with the proposal herein would be compared with this proposal and evaluated as to whether the provision of first local


aural transmission service to Abingdon should be preferred over a possible transmitter site preference for Canton.

WHEREFORE, the reasons above, it is respectfully requested that the Commission initiate a rule making proceeding in which Channel 252A will be allotted to Abingdon, Illinois; and the vacant Channel 252A allotment at Canton, Illinois will be modified to Channel 277A.

Respectfully submitted,

ABINGDON BROADCASTERS

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New Allotment to Abingdon IL - Reference Site 12.3 km. South

Present Vacant Canton IL Allotment Modified to Channel 277A

REFERENCE

40 42 28 N

90 19 47 W

CLASS = A

Current Spacings

DISPLAY DATES

DATA 12-19-00

SEARCH 12-22-00

----- Channel 252 - 98.3 MHz -----

Call	Channel	Location		Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
AVAC	VAC 252A	Canton	IL	27.53	130.7	115.0	-87.47
WAHIFM	LIC 253A	Augusta	IL	71.98	227.3	72.0	-0.02
WHTS	LIC 255B	Rock Island	IL	68.98	356.5	69.0	-0.02
WMOI	LIC 249A	Monmouth	IL	31.06	310.9	31.0	0.06
WRVP	LIC 253A	Eureka	IL	89.58	87.4	72.0	17.58
WZOEFM	LIC 251A	Princeton	IL	107.26	46.8	72.0	35.26
KHAK	LIC 251C1	Cedar Rapids	IA	172.76	322.0	133.0	39.76
WWHP	LIC 252A	Farmer City	IL	159.47	106.7	115.0	44.47
WNNS	LIC 254B	Springfield	IL	121.26	157.3	69.0	52.26
WLUIJ	LIC 249A	Petersburg	IL	95.09	145.5	31.0	64.09
WLUIJ.C	CP 249A	Petersburg	IL	102.65	149.5	31.0	71.65

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Canton IL Channel 252A Allotment Modified to Channel 277A
Reference Site 9.4 km. South of Canton

REFERENCE
40 28 27 N
90 03 01 W

CLASS = A
Current Spacings

DISPLAY DATES
DATA 12-19-00
SEARCH 12-22-00

----- Channel 277 - 103.3 MHz -----

Call	Channel	Location		Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
WAIV	LIC 277A	Spring Valley	IL	114.75	36.3	115.0	-0.25
WJEQ	LIC 274B1	Macomb	IL	48.25	262.7	48.0	0.25
WDBR	LIC 279B	Springfield	IL	84.59	153.3	69.0	15.59
KDMG	LIC 276C3	Burlington	IA	105.92	286.3	89.0	16.92
KLOU	LIC 277C1	St. Louis	MO	216.94	185.7	200.0	16.94
WDBR.C	CP 279B	Springfield	IL	92.48	145.2	69.0	23.48
WLLRFM	LIC 279C	Davenport	IA	124.41	343.5	95.0	29.41
RADD	ADD 277A	Rantoul	IL	152.17	95.9	115.0	37.17
WSOYFM	CP 275B	Decatur	IL	115.28	124.8	69.0	46.28
WSOYFM	LIC 275B	Decatur	IL	115.28	124.8	69.0	46.28
WSOYFM	LIC 275B	Decatur	IL	115.33	124.8	69.0	46.33
WLSR.C	CP 224A	Galesburg	IL	57.66	334.7	10.0	47.66
RDEL	DEL 224A	Galesburg	IL	58.39	338.2	10.0	48.39
WLSR	LIC 224A	Galesburg	IL	58.39	338.2	10.0	48.39
WKXQ	LIC 223A	Rushville	IL	63.63	234.3	10.0	53.63
RADD	ADD 224B1	Galesburg	IL	72.37	331.8	12.0	60.37
AVAC	VAC 278C1	Huntsville	MO	205.19	246.0	133.0	72.19
KROW.A	APP 278C1	Huntsville	MO	205.19	246.0	133.0	72.19
